

# DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of Nov. 29th,  
through Dec. 6th, 2016



## Go Eagles!

“DeSoto is a football town and when our beloved DeSoto High School Eagles advance to the 6A D2 playoffs on the same date and time as our Holiday Parade, the parade must be postponed,” said DeSoto Mayor Curtistene McCowan.

Even though DeSoto’s population exceeds 50,000, it is still a small town. “We have one high school and when our football team is headed for the State playoffs, the whole town supports them,” said Mayor McCowan. “Our Eagles play the Cedar Hill Longhorns at

AT&T Stadium on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm, and we want to show our support by postponing our Holiday Parade that is scheduled for the same day and time. Several groups from DeSoto ISD had registered to participate, and many other groups want to attend the game as well; so consequently, it makes sense to cancel the parade for December 3, 2016 and explore other options.”

A new date for the parade has not been announced.

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*Sorry,  
we are*

**CLOSED**

**SEE YOU  
ON MONDAY  
December 19<sup>th</sup>**

The Recreation Center will be CLOSED for RENOVATIONS from November 28, 2016 - December 18, 2016. The renovation will allow staff to maximize the supervision of multiple entrances to the facility while accommodating customers. Stay tuned for additional news on our improvements.

The Center will open on December 19 at 5 a.m.

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The banner features a light blue background with white snowflakes and green pine branches. Two large blue Christmas ornaments are visible. On the right, there is a DeSoto Police Department badge with a cross on top. The text is arranged on the left side of the banner.

 DeSoto Parks & Recreation  
Discover, Experience, Play!

**2016 Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
**Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
DeSoto Town Center  
211 East Pleasant Run Road DeSoto, TX 75115

Starts at 6:00 PM

DeSoto Police And Clergy

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## Holiday Celebration

at DeSoto Public Library

### For Children of All Ages



**Storytime with Mrs. Claus**



**Saturday,**



**December 10th**

**11:00 am — 1:00 pm**



**Special Appearance  
by  
Olaf and Rudolph**



For more information contact the Children's Information Desk at 972.230.9666





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## DeSoto's Public Utilities Division Offers Free Water University Classes

The DeSoto Public Utilities Department has partnered with Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center to offer a series of water efficiency and landscape maintenance classes focused on techniques to conserve water and reduce monthly water bills. These classes are free of charge to DeSoto residents, but will require registration. Classes are limited to 75 attendees. You will want to sign up early to guarantee your seat. Here's the schedule for the coming year:

### January 31 – Vegetable Gardening 6:30 to 8:30pm

Know where your food comes from by growing your own vegetables. Learn proper soil preparation, garden design, disease and insect identification, and the proper time to germinate vegetable seeds and/or when to transplant vegetables into your garden for the season.

### April 25 – Rainwater Harvesting 6:30 to 8:30pm

Come learn the basics and benefits of rainwater harvesting and the effects stormwater has on the environment. Participants will learn how to collect and utilize rainwater at home and have the opportunity to construct their very own 55 gallon rain barrel. This class is hands on "DIY" and each participant will take home a barrel. There may be a small fee to cover the cost of the barrel.

Registration for this class will be handled by the City of DeSoto. Please email [scarmichael@desototexas.gov](mailto:scarmichael@desototexas.gov). Deadline to register is Friday, April 21, 2017. We will have a maximum of 25 barrels available however, you may bring someone with you to help you with the project.

### August 22 – Composting 6:30 to 8:30pm

Is your trash can full at the end of the week? Did you know that you can reduce the waste carried to landfills by composting more and throwing away less? This program teaches the composting process, the different types and methods of composting, as well as how to compost and its importance.

All Classes are free and take place in the DeSoto Civic Center Bluebonnet Room 211 E. Pleasant Run Rd DeSoto, Texas 75115



To attend any of these classes please register online at

<http://www.desototexas.gov/1769/Water-Conservation-Classes>

If you are unable to register online, please contact the Utility Billing Office at 972.230.9627 for assistance.




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## DESOTO YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Registration opens October 31 - December 26




Season Starts January 7, 2017

**Cost**  
\$65 per player for DeSoto/Glenn Heights Residents  
\$85 per player for Non-Residents Residents

\*\$5 Sports I.D. card  
\*\$15 late fee after December 26

**Ages**  
4 - 14 for boys and girls  
age as of September 1 of the current school year

**No Gate Fees**  
**Adequate practice space**  
**Participation awards**

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972.230.9655 | [www.desototexas.gov/parks](http://www.desototexas.gov/parks) | [www.facebook.com/desotorec](http://www.facebook.com/desotorec)  
DeSoto Recreation Center | 211 E. Pleasant Run Rd., DeSoto, TX 75115

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## Connected! A Special Needs Parent Support Group



Come join us on the first Thursday of each month at the DeSoto Public Library as we provide support and share resources for parents of individuals with intellectual and physical differences.

### What to Expect:

Monthly meetings, speaker workshops, information about community resources, parent-to-parent networking, social family events, & more including education advocacy.

Location: DeSoto Public Library  
211 E. Pleasant Run Rd. Suite C  
DeSoto, Texas 75115 (Teen Room)

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Group Coordinator: Beverly Rowden, LMSW  
Email: [Beverlyrowden9@gmail.com](mailto:Beverlyrowden9@gmail.com)

Friend us on Facebook! Search for “Connected!” to join the group and stay up to date on the latest news, including upcoming speakers, events, and more.

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## FOOD FOR FEES DRIVE

November 1, 2016 through December 30, 2016



One item = \$1.00 reduction in fines\*

*BENEFITTING THE DESOTO FOOD PANTRY*



\* ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR OVERDUE FINES ONLY, NOT FOR REPLACEMENT FEES FOR LOST OR DAMAGED LIBRARY ITEMS.

PLEASE CALL THE CIRCULATION DESK AT 972.230.9665 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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**Where:** DeSoto Public Library



Each Tuesday evening from 4:00 PM–8:00 PM, we will have a representative of Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas assisting job seekers at the Library with resumes, interview skills, WorkinTexas.com registration, and information about workforce programs and career pathways.

DeSoto Public Library • 211 E Pleasant Run Road, Suite C • DeSoto, Texas 75115

Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.  
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